

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Do the Government understand that without fixing the number of seats that can be obtained by Travancorean students, they cannot have any reliability in the matter of admission?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not easy, because it is not in this Government's hands.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Is it not desirable to fix the number of seats?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is very desirable.

Travancoreans and the Technical Colleges in Madras.

350. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (1) Are the Government aware that in recent years Travancoreans as such are generally refused admission to the Engineering, the Medical, the Veterinary and other Technical Colleges conducted by the Madras Government?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(a) whether they were making contributions to the above Colleges;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the amount per annum, the period for which, and the conditions under which, they were so contributing to each of the above Colleges;

(c) whether they are contributing so at present (Mithunam 1104);

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative,

(i) the date from which such contributions were stopped;

(ii) the names of the officers who recommended that the contributions be stopped; and

(iii) the grounds for such recommendations;

(e) whether Travancoreans are now getting admission to the above Colleges as they were getting before;

(f) whether qualified hands from the above Colleges are preferred in Travancore to qualified hands from such Colleges at Bombay, Calcutta and other places;

(g) if the answer to part (f) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same;

(h) whether they have realised the necessity for securing seats for Travancorean students in the above Technical Colleges run by the Madras Government; and

(i) if the answer to part (h) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government are aware that the difficulties in the way of Travancorean students getting admission to the Technical Colleges mentioned are becoming increasingly great.

(2) (a) No.

(b), (c) and (d) These do not arise.

(e) The member is referred to the answer to part (1).

- (f) The question does not seem to have arisen so far.
 (g) This does not arise.
 (h) and (i) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 349 asked by Mr. R. Kesava Pillai,

The Engineering College, Madras.

351. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government of Madras had asked this Government for any financial contribution for allowing Travancorean students to undergo training in the Engineering College, Madras?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence regarding the same?

(3) Are the Government aware that the authorities of the Engineering College, Madras, have recently refused admission to all Travancorean students on the ground that the Travancore Government refused to pay the necessary contribution?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

(3) The Government are not aware.

Action on the suggestions made by the Travancore Chamber of Commerce.

352. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken in connection with the following matters which have been brought to their notice by the Travancore Chamber of Commerce:—

(a) to provide a more powerful hand crane of capacity 8 to 10 tons to replace the present 5-ton crane on the Pier at Alleppey;

(b) to take vigorous steps to stop pilferage at this port;

(c) to appoint a Sub-Inspector of Police on special duty at the Pier Chowkey at Alleppey and to give a grant of Rs. 200 from Government for the purpose of employing 4 Civilian Inspectors;

(d) to provide more Customs godown accommodation at Alleppey;

(e) to lay additional lines of trolley rails both on the Pier itself and also from the Customs godowns on the northern side of the basin of the Pier;

(f) to deepen the Commercial and Wadai Canals at Alleppey; and

(g) to revet the banks of the Commercial and Wadai Canals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) to (g). The proposals of the Chamber of Commerce have been received on the several points mentioned in the interpellation and are under consideration.